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Security Council

United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC)

College of Commissioners
Seventeenth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

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General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

10 a.m. . . . . 56th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Oceans and the law of the sea [49 (a) and (b)]: *joint debate*

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/59/62, A/59/62/Add.1, A/59/63 and A/59/126)

(ii) Report of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its fifth meeting (A/59/122)

(iii) Draft resolution (A/59/L.22)

(b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/59/298)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/59/L.23)

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Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–5 p.m. . . . . 24th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (A/59/13, A/59/151, A/59/260, A/59/279, A/59/442, A/C.4/59/L.10, A/C.4/59/L.11, A/C.4/59/L.12 and A/C.4/59/L.13) . . . . . [75]

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (A/59/338, A/59/339, A/59/343, A/59/344, A/59/345, A/59/381, A/C.4/59/L.14, A/C.4/59/L.15, A/C.4/59/L.16, A/C.4/59/L.17 and A/C.4/59/L.18) . . . . . [76]

Introduction of draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 75 and 76

Consideration and action on the programme of work and timetable for the sixtieth session of the General Assembly (A/C.4/59/CRP.1)

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 35th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance . . . . . [39]

   (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/59/L.29, A/C.2/59/L.33, A/C.2/59/L.36, A/C.2/59/L.37, A/C.2/59/L.39 and A/C.2/59/L.40

2. Groups of countries in special situations . . . . . [88]

   (a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

   (b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/59/L.42 and A/C.2/59/L.43

3. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources . . . . . [91]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.41

4. Training and research . . . . . [92]

   (b) United Nations University

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.35

5. Information and communication technologies for development (A/59/563[1], A/59/80-E/2004/61, A/59/80/Corr.1-E/2004/61/Corr.1, A/59/207 and A/C.2/59/3) . . . . . [44]

[1] To be issued.

6. Training and research . . . . . [92]

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/59/14 (Supplement No. 14) and A/59/230)

(b) United Nations University (A/59/31 (Supplement No. 31) and A/59/566[1])

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

[1] To be issued.

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 45th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

3–6 p.m. . . . . 46th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly . . . . . [93]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.17/Rev.1

2. Crime prevention and criminal justice . . . . . [96]

3. Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives . . . . . [105 (c)]

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.50**

Advancement of women . . . . . [98]

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4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions . . . . . [100]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/59/L.72, A/C.3/59/L.73, A/C.3/59/L.74 and A/C.3/59/L.78

5. Right of peoples to self-determination . . . . . [104]

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6. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [105 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/59/L.38, A/C.3/59/L.44 and A/C.3/59/L.45/Rev.1

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 108 (Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: Strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/59/365, A/59/365/Corr.1, A/59/365/Add.1, A/59/365/Add.1/Corr.1, A/59/539 and A/59/396))

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 26th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Committee on relations with the Host Country (A/59/26) . . . . . [145]

Introduction of and action on draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.15

Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts . . . . . [139]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.22

Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States . . . . . [138]

Introduction of and action on draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.24

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-sixth session [144]

Introduction of and action on draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.23

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization . . . . . [147]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.6/59/L.17 and A/C.6/59/L.18

Measures to eliminate international terrorism . . . . . [148]

Introduction of and action on draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.19

Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel . . . . . [149]

Introduction of and action on draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.20

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Meeting with the Executive Vice-President, United Nations Foundation
2. Draft reports

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Second Committee
Informal "informals"

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), on the draft resolution on agenda item 87 (c) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin), will be held *today,* 17 November 2004, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6, and from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Félix Mbayu (Cameroon), on the draft resolution on agenda item 84 (Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of

the International Conference on Financing for Development), will be held *today*, 17 November 2004, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Claudio Rojas (Chile), on the draft resolution on agenda item 87 (Globalization and interdependence), will be held *today*, 17 November 2004, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Ulrika Cronenberg-Mossberg (Sweden), on the draft resolution on agenda item 87 (b) (International migration and development), will be held *today*, 17 November 2004, 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Garfield Barnwell (Guyana), on the draft resolution on agenda item 83 (d) (Commodities), will be held *today*, 17 November 2004, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. George Talbot (Guyana), on the draft resolution on agenda item 83 (b) (International financial system and development), will be held *today*, 17 November 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D, and from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Dragan Micic (Serbia and Montenegro), on the draft resolution on humanitarian assistance (under agenda item 39 (b)), will be held *today*, 17 November 2004, from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Xolisa Mabhongo (South Africa), on the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (f) (Convention on Biological Diversity), will be held *today*, 17 November 2004, from 2 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. José Briz Gutiérrez (Guatemala), on the draft resolution on agenda item 83 (c) (External debt crisis and development), will be held *today*, 17 November 2004, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Ulrika Cronenberg-Mossberg (Sweden), on the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (Sustainable development), will be held *today*, 17 November 2004, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Khondker Talha (Bangladesh), on the draft resolution on agenda item 83 (a) (International trade and development), will be held *today*, 17 November 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Olivier Chave (Switzerland) on the draft resolution on agenda item 90 (b) (Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system), will be held *today*, 17 November 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Jennifer Feller (Mexico), on the draft resolution on agenda item 89 (b) (Women in development), will be held *today*, 17 November 2004, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Gustavo Ainchil (Argentina), on the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind), will be held *today*, 17 November 2004, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Third Committee
Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations, convened by the Vice-Chairperson of the Third Committee, Ms. Mavis Kusorgbor (Ghana), on the issue of the criteria for the invitation of Special Rapporteurs *today*, 17 November 2004 from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in *Conference Room D.*

There will be informal consultations convened by the Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteur of the Third Committee, Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador), to negotiate the Chairman's text relating to the issue of the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, *today*, 17 November 2004, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 17 November 2004

Caribbean Community (CARICOM) *(First Committee experts)*

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

JUSCANZ Group *(on the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review (TCPR))*

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 *(draft resolution on training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR); draft resolution on eradication of poverty and other development issues: achieving coherence of development goals with conflict prevention and peace-building measure; and draft resolution on social dimension of globalization)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Group of 77 *(draft resolution on macroeconomic policy questions: international trade and development)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Group of 77 *(2005 major events)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

1–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 *(coordinating meeting on sustainable development)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Group of 77 *(draft resolution on macroeconomic policy questions: external debt crisis and development)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Group of 77 *(draft resolution on eradication of poverty and other development issues: implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006); and draft resolution on globalization and interdependence: preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin)*

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Celebrating the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family"(under agenda item 94) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Qatar, in its capacity as Chair of the Group of 77)

1–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution entitled "Measures to be taken against political platforms and activities based on doctrines of superiority and violent nationalist ideologies which are based on racial discrimination or ethnic exclusiveness and xenophobia, including neo-Nazism" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Belarus)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution on a new international humanitarian order (organized by the Permanent Mission of Jordan)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (suite of offices)

Open-ended informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution entitled "Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Qatar and South Africa)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Open-ended informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution on the "Rights of the child" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Argentina and Brazil)

3.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

OIC Group *(Sixth Committee matters) (at the expert level)*

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 39) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, in its capacity of the presidency of the European Union)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel (under agenda item 39), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, in its capacity of the presidency of the European Union *today*, 17 November 2004, and on Friday, 19 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7. For further questions, please contact Mr. Dirk-Jan Nieuwenhuis (e-mail dj.nieuwenhuis@minbuza.nl).

Seminar on "The relevance of population aspects for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals" (organized by the Population Division, DESA)

There will be a seminar on "The relevance of population aspects for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals", organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, from *today,* 17 November 2004, until Friday, 19 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C. Members of Permanent Missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Joseph Chamie, Director, Population Division (tel. 1 (212) 963-3179).

Special presentation in connection with the work of the General Assembly under agenda item 35 (Culture of peace) (organized by the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, DESA)

In connection with the work of the General Assembly under agenda item 35, there will be a special presentation by Professor Talât Halman, Chairman of the Department of Turkish Litterature, Bilkent University (Ankara) and former Minister of Culture of Turkey, on "Culture of peace". The event, organized by the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affaires, will take place *today*, 17 November 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat Staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Marc-André Dorel, Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-7204; e-mail dorel@un.org).

UNIFEM event on the theme "Building partnerships to end violence against women"

There will be a special event on the theme "Building partnerships to end violence against women", sponsored by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, *today*, 17 November 2004, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information: e-mail unifem.events@undp.org.

Council of Former Presidents of the General Assembly

The Council of Former Presidents of the General Assembly will meet *today*, 17 November 2004, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *today*, 17 November 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

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Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . Mr. Ted Turner, Co-Chairman of the Nuclear Threat Initiative; former United States Senator Sam Nunn, CEO and Co-Chairman of the Nuclear Threat Initiative; Mr. Ujjal Dosanjh, Health Minister of Canada; Dr. David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer of Canada; and Dr. Stephen J. Corber, Area Manager of Disease Prevention and Control for the Pan-American Health Organization of the World Health Organization (on the Global Public Health Intelligence Network II)

Guests at 12 noon . . . . Mr. Mark Malloch-Brown, United Nations Development Programme Administrator; and Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs (on the International Year of Microcredit 2005)

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 18 November 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

10 a.m. . . . . 57th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 . . . . . [18]

(a) Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/59/437)

(b) Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/59/438)

(c) Curricula vitae (A/59/439)

3 p.m. . . . . 58th plenary meeting. . . . . General Assembly Hall

Declaration by the United Nations of 8 and 9 May as days of remembrance and reconciliation: draft resolution (A/59/L.28) . . . . . [158]

Main Committees

Second Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (tel. 1 (212) 963-8429; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail olvida@un.org)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Nikhil Seth, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

Informal consultations

Informal consultations, convened by the Vice-Chairperson of the Third Committee, Ms. Mavis Kusorgbor (Ghana), on the issue of the criteria for the invitation of Special Rapporteurs, will be held on Friday, 19 November 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Thursday, 18 November 2004, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Sixth Committee

The Sixth Committee will hold its 27th meeting on Friday, 19 November 2004, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all remaining items allocated to the Sixth Committee is open (A/C.6/59/L.1). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Nena Villena-Tanedo (tel. 1 (212) 963-5375; fax 1 (212) 963-1963; e-mail villena-tanedo@un.org)).

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 282nd meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Friday, 19 November 2004, at 10.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Eastern European Group *(Fifth Committee matters)*

There will be a meeting of the Eastern European Group *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Thursday, 18 November 2004, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 39 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

There will be informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 39 (a)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, on Thursday, 18 November 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

African Group *(experts of the Third Committee)*

There will be a meeting of the African Group *(experts of the Third Committee)* on Thursday, 18 November 2004, from 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Group of 77 *(draft resolution on poverty and microcredit)*

There will be a closed meeting of the Group of 77 *(draft resolution on poverty and microcredit)*, on Thursday, 18 October 2004, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Briefing on the Sixth Global Forum on Reinventing Government (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea, in cooperation with the Division for Public Administration and Development Management, DESA)

There will be a briefing on the upcoming Sixth Global Forum on Reinventing Government (Seoul, 24-25 May 2005), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea, in cooperation with the Division for Public Administration and Development Management, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Thursday,

18 November 2004, from 2 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Seok-hee Kang (tel. 1 (212) 439-4090; or e-mail shkang93@mofat.go.kr).

Non-aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau

There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on Thursday, 18 November 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

UNITAR workshop series on policy awareness and training in information technology

As part of the series on policy awareness and training in information technology, the third high-level seminar of this year on "Policy awareness and security issues in information technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 19 November 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The seminar is part of the third annual series, presented under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation. For further information please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

Informal consultations on cooperation between the United Nations and Southern African Development Community (under agenda item 56 (s)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mauritius)

There will be informal consultations on cooperation between the United Nations and Southern African Development Community (under agenda item 56 (s)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Mauritius, on Friday, 19 November 2004, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

UNITAR workshops on information technology

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation jointly organize the 2004 Series entitled "Policy awareness and training in information technology" under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, which will be repeated four times throughout the year. The first four modules of each cycle focus on: (a) Introduction to computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet search basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page design basics and usability techniques. The fifth module, conceived as an interactive seminar, covers policy and security issues in information technology. Cycle IV of the 2004 Series, to be conducted in English, will be held until Friday, 19 November 2004. For further information, please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

Ad Hoc Expert Group on the Short- and Medium-term Prospects of the World Economy (Project LINK)

The Ad Hoc Expert Group on the Short- and Medium-term Prospects of the World Economy (Project LINK) will meet at Headquarters from 22 to 24 November 2004 from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Briefings by the Peacekeeping Best Practices Unit, Department of Peacekeeping Operations

There will be two briefings, organized by the Peacekeeping Best Practices Unit of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, as indicated below. Members of all Permanent Missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Michael Mesina (e-mail mesina@un.org).

Monday, 22 November 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber: briefing to the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on the overview of its recent studies and introduction of the newly launched Gender Resource Package for Peacekeeping Operations; and

Tuesday, 23 November, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber: briefing by the Criminal Law and Judicial Advisory Unit (CLJAU) of the Peackekeeping Best Practices Unit, to the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations.

UNITAR workshop on international trade

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in cooperation with the World Trade Organization (WTO), is organizing a workshop on international trade. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York on Monday, 22 November, and on Tuesday, 23 November 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. The workshop is intended primarily for members of Permanent Missions in New York. A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Friday, 19 November 2004. For further information, please contact the UNITAR office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

Asian Group

There will be a meeting of the Asian Group on Tuesday, 23 November 2004, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

UNITAR briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The briefing is intended primarily for representatives of those States that will be members of the Council in 2005. Depending on the availability of seats, delegates from other States may attend as observers. The briefing will be held on the following dates: Monday, 29 November 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 30 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 1 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Thursday, 2 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all States that will be members of the Security Council in 2005. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 24 November 2004. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

Security Council

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Background information on a report of the Secretary-General

The report of the Secretary-General on the modalities, format and organization of the high-level plenary meeting of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/59/545 and can also be found on the United Nations Web site (www.un.org/SG).

Preparations for the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (28 February-11 March 2005), delegations are kindly invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Addressing the linkages between the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration: progress, gaps and challenges; and (b) Future perspectives on the promotion of gender equality: through the eyes of young women and men. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail taylors@un.org and/or proppe@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463; room DC2-1268 or room DC2-1262), no later than *19 November 2004*, indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated.

2004 Nairobi Summit on a Mine-Free World

Delegations are kindly informed that the list of speakers at the high-level segment on Thursday and Friday, 2 and 3 December 2004, at the First Review Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction is now open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Executive Secretariat at the Geneva Branch of the Department for Disarmament Affairs (tel. +41 (0) 22-917-5281 or 22-917-2281). Delegations are kindly asked to indicate the level of the representative as well as the preferred time-block for delivering their statement (i.e. 2 December, morning session, 2 December, afternoon session, or 3 December, morning session). Delegations are reminded that the allotted time for statements is 6 minutes.

Electronic notice boards for meetings

Electronic notice boards for meetings were recently installed in the General Assembly Lobby and at the garden level adjacent to the Cafe Austria to display updated information

on scheduled meetings taking place at Headquarters. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management would welcome feedback comments on the screens, which can be sent by logging on to http://emeets.un.org and using the feedback form, so that further adjustments can be made as necessary. The Department would also welcome comments sent to the same e-mail address on the terminology used, the quality of language services and improvement of other services provided to Member States.

International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, in his capacity as the Secretary-General of the Mauritius International Meeting, announces that in accordance with draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.27 adopted by the Second Committee and General Assembly resolutions 58/213 A and B (A/RES/58/213), the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Barbados+10) will take place from 10 to 14 January 2005 in Mauritius. The high-level segment will be held on 13 and 14 January 2005. Two days of informal consultations will be held in Mauritius, on 8 and 9 January 200 , to facilitate effective preparations for the Meeting.

Summary of meetings

Monday, 15 November 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Main Committees

Second Committee

32nd meeting

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources . . . . . [91]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bahrain, Jordan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Lebanon, Indonesia, the Saudi Arabia, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Yemen.

The observer for the Organization of the Islamic Conference also made a statement.

Sustainable development . . . . . [85]

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/59/L.7 and A/C.2/59/L.31

The representative of Switzerland, as Facilitator, orally corrected draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.31.

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement of programme budget implications.

The representatives of Chile and Peru made statements.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.31, draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.7 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Eradication of poverty and other development issues . . . . . [89]

(a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)

(b) Women in development

(c) Industrial development cooperation

The Committee began its consideration of the item as a whole.

Statements were made by the representatives of Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Croatia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro; and the EFTA countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area) and China.

Organization of work

The representatives of China, Saudi Arabia, Cuba and Chile made statements.

The Secretary made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement.

Tuesday, 16 November 2004

Security Council

5079th meeting

The situation in Timor-Leste

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (S/2004/888)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Timor-Leste, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2004/901, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2004/901) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2004/901) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1573 (2004).

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

54th plenary meeting

Oceans and the law of the sea [49 (a) and (b)]: *joint debate*

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/59/62, A/59/62/Add.1, A/59/63 and A/59/126)

(ii) Report of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its fifth meeting (A/59/122)

(iii) Draft resolution (A/59/L.22)

(b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/59/298)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/59/L.23)

The representative of Brazil made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/59/L.22.

Statements were made by the representative of the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union and Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), by H.E. Mr. Kjell Magne Bondevik, Prime Minister of Norway, by the representative of Barbados, on behalf of the Caribbean Community, as well as by H.E. The Honourable Geoff Regan, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans of Canada, and the representatives of Kenya, Mexico, Egypt, Indonesia, Tunisia, India and Iceland.

The representative of the United States made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/59/L.23.

The representative of China made a statement.

Programme of work

The President drew the attention of the General Assembly to document A/INF/59/3/Rev.2, containing a revised programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings. He also informed the Assembly that the lists of speakers for the items listed in document A/INF/59/3/Rev.2 were open.

55th plenary meeting

Oceans and the law of the sea [49 (a) and (b)]: *joint debate*

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/59/62, A/59/62/Add.1, A/59/63 and A/59/126)

(ii) Report of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its fifth meeting (A/59/122)

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(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/59/298)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/59/L.23)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 49 and its sub-items (a) and (b).

Statements were made by the representatives of Uganda, Japan, Samoa (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), Chile, Fiji, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Korea, Bangladesh, Ukraine, Bolivia, Nigeria, New Zealand, Viet Nam, Australia, Palau, Poland and Uruguay.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Chile and Bolivia.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that, at the request of its sponsor, consideration of agenda item 161 (Andean Zone of Peace), originally scheduled for Thursday, 18 November 2004, in the afternoon, was postponed to Thursday, 2 December 2004, in the afternoon.

Main Committees

Second Committee

33rd meeting

Eradication of poverty and other development issues . . . . . [91]

(a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)

(b) Women in development

(c) Industrial development cooperation

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria, Kenya, Bangladesh, Iceland, San Marino, Suriname (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Malaysia, Tunisia, Venezuela, Mali, Canada, Eritrea, Cambodia, Myanmar, Colombia, Nepal, Singapore, Burkina Faso, Switzerland, Indonesia, Jordan, Swaziland and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The observers for the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the Organization of the Islamic Conference also made statements.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

34th meeting

Sustainable development . . . . . [85]

(b) *Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/59/L.17 and A/C.2/59/L.34

The representative of New Zealand, as Facilitator, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Barbados (on behalf of the Caribbean Community and Costa Rica, Cuba, Guatemala, Panama and Nicaragua) and Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Committee voted on preambular paragraph 14 contained in draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.34, which was retained by a recorded vote of 121 to 1, with 3 abstentions.

The representative of Venezuela made a statement.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.34 as a whole.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.34, draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.17 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Information and communication technologies for development . . . . . [44]

Training and research . . . . . [92]

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

(b) United Nations University

The Committee began its consideration of the agenda items.

Introductory statements were made by the Executive Coordinator of the Information and Communication Technologies Task Force, the Director of the Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the Director of the Division for Communication Development at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, under item 44.

Introductory statements were also made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and the Rector and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations University, under item 92.

The Committee continued its general discussion and heard statements by the representatives of China, Nigeria, Tunisia, Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Bangladesh, Switzerland, Iceland, Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Kuwait and Indonesia (on behalf of the Association of South East Asian Nations).

A statement was also made by the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Third Committee

44th meeting

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly . . . . . [93]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft decision A/C.3/59/L.16

Following a statement by the representative of South Africa, the draft decision was withdrawn.

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family . . . . . [94 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Oral decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of document A/59/176.

A statement was made by the representative of the United States.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 94 (a) and 94 as a whole.

Crime prevention and criminal justice . . . . . [96]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.20

Following a statement by the representative of the United States, the draft resolution was withdrawn.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments . . . . . [105 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.31 (and programme budget implications: A/C.3/59/L.63)

The representative of Mexico orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Bangladesh, Chile, Ghana, Mali, Nicaragua, the Niger, Sri Lanka and Tunisia had joined as sponsors.

Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Morocco, Mozambique, the Sudan and Yemen also joined as sponsors.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [105 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.61**

The representative of France announced that Albania, Angola, Armenia, Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Mauritius, Mongolia and Serbia and Montenegro had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Botswana, the Congo, the Dominican Republic, Grenada and Timor-Leste also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States proposed an amendment to the text, which was rejected by a recorded vote of 114 to 3, with 32 abstentions.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guinea, Guinea Bissau and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines regarding their vote.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Sudan.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the United States.

Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives . . . . . [105 (c)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.49 (and programme budget implications: A/C.3/59/L.76)

The representative of the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement and announced that the Republic of Korea and Switzerland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Myanmar, Cambodia, Algeria, Cuba, Turkmenistan, Viet Nam, Pakistan, Indonesia, Belarus, Venezuela and the Sudan.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the Islamic Republic of Iran, China, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Nepal, the Syrian Arab Republic, India, Cuba, Zimbabwe and the Sudan.

The Secretary responded to points raised by the representatives of Myanmar, Cuba and the Sudan.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [103]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.71

The representative of Qatar introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Right of peoples to self-determination . . . . . [104]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.68

The representative of Cuba introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors, and announced that the Comoros, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Pakistan, Togo, Venezuela and Zambia had joined as sponsors. He also stated that the name of Chile should be replaced by China in the list of sponsors appearing on the text of the draft resolution.

Botswana and Kenya also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Chile made a statement.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [105 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.41

Following a statement by the representative of Australia, the draft resolution was withdrawn.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.43

The representative of Cuba introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, China, Colombia, the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, the Lao People's Democratic Republic,

the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, the Russian Federation, South Africa, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Venezuela, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Togo also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.47

The representative of Cuba introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Angola, Burundi, Cape Verde, China, Eritrea, Ethiopia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mali, Pakistan and the Sudan. Guinea-Bissau and Myanmar also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.51

The representative of Mexico introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mali, Paraguay, the Philippines, Senegal, Tunisia and Uruguay. Bangladesh also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.64/Rev.1

The representative of Cuba introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Austria, Cape Verde, Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Kenya, Lesotho, Nepal, Nicaragua, Norway, Philippines, Portugal, San Marino, Slovenia, South Africa, Suriname, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the United Republic of Tanzania. Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Iceland, Malaysia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.65

The representative of Cuba introduced the draft resolution, also on behalf of Ecuador and El Salvador. Nigeria also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.66

The representative of Cuba introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Angola, Belarus, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saint Lucia, the Sudan, Venezuela and Zimbabwe.

Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives . . . . . [105 (c)]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.55**

The representative of the United States introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Andorra, Australia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Hungary, Iceland, Malta, the Marshall Islands, Spain, Switzerland and Turkey.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus and Cuba.

Corrigendum

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Third Committee

Corrigendum to the summary of the 41st meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 2004/220, p. 14): Under *Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.62*, the following paragraph should be added:

Estonia, Costa-Rica, Guatemala, Mongolia, Norway and Panama also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Summary of meetings held away from Headquarters

Monday, 15 November 2004

General Assembly

Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Committee against Torture
Thirty-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

620th meeting

Opening of the session by the representative of the Secretary-General . . . . . [1]

The thirty-third session of the Committee was opened by the representative of the Secretary General, Ms. Jane Connors, who made a statement.

621st meeting

The Committee met with non-governmental organizations in respect of Argentina and then considered its methods of work in closed session.

Tuesday, 16 November 2004

622nd meeting

Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention . . . . . [4]

The Committee considered the fourth periodic report of the Republic of Argentina (CAT/C/55/Add.7). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

623rd meeting

The Committee met with non-governmental organizations from the United Kingdom in closed session.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention . . . . . [7]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

Tuesday, 16 November 2004

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Thirty-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

40th meeting — *Consideration of reports* . . . . . [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee continued its consideration of the fourth periodic report of Italy (E/C.12/4/Add.13).

41st meeting — *Consideration of reports* . . . . . [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee began its consideration of the second periodic report of Azerbaijan (E/1990/6/Add.37). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Ratification: Peru (16 November 2004)[1]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Notification under article 4 (3): Peru (16 November 2004)[1]

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, (institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee). London, 7 November 1991

Acceptance: Lithuania (16 November 2004)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Corrigendum

The third entry appearing in this section on Tuesday, 16 November 2004 (see *Journal* No. 2004/221, p. 19) should read as follows:

Terms of Reference of the International Copper Study Group. Geneva, 24 February 1989

***Definitive acceptance:* Japan (*12 November 2004*)[1]**

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

Information fair on the World Summit on the Information Society

The information fair on the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society will continue *today*, 17 November 2004, outside Conference Rooms 2 and 3. The event, organized by the Permanent Mission of Tunisia, coincides with the discussion in the Second Committee on preparations for the World Summit, in Tunis from 16 to 18 November 2005. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat Staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Jalel Snoussi, Permanent Mission of Tunisia (tel. 1 (212) 751-7503; or e-mail jalelsnoussi@yahoo.com).

Panel discussion on "Carbon emission reduction: A new commodity – The impact of Carbon finance and trading on sustainable development" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be a panel discussion on "Carbon emission reduction: A new commodity – The impact of Carbon finance and trading on sustainable development", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, *today*, 17 November 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. at the West Terrace (4th floor of the United Nations Building). Members of Permanent Missions and Permanent Observers, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Claudia Beretta (e-mail claudia.beretta@italyun.net) or Ms. Laura Canuto (e-mail laura.canuto@italyun.net) (tel. 1 (646) 840-5322).

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "Women, violence and HIV/AIDS" (in observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women). The briefing will be held on Thursday, 18 November 2004, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Susanne Tinkl, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-7949, e-mail tinkl@un.org).

Launch of the International Year of Microcredit 2005 (18 November)

The International Year of Microcredit 2005 will be officially launched on Thursday, 18 November 2004. The opening ceremony will take place from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The documentary "Small Fortunes, Microcredit and the Future of Poverty" will be screened from 12 noon to 12.45 p.m. in the same room. High-level panels will also take place from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information on the programme, please contact the office of UNCDF (tel. 1 (212) 906-6229; Web site www.yearofmicrocredit.org).

Round table "Empowering women through microcredit" (organized by UN-OHRLLS and IFAD)

There will be a round table on "Empowering women through microcredit", organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Land Locked Developing Countries and Small Island States (UN-OHRLLS) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), as one of the special events on the occasion of the launch of the International Year of Microcredit 2005, on Thursday, 18 November 2004, from 1 to 2.45 p.m. at the West Terrace (4th floor of the United Nations Building). The round table will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Mwelwa C. Musambachime, Permanent Representative of Zambia, and will be addressed by the Assistant Secretary-General and Special Advisor on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, Ms. Rachel Mayanja. For further information, please contact UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (212) 963-7778; e-mail OHRLLS-UNHQ@un.org or sakubita@un.org; Web site www.un.org/ohrlls).

Panel discussion on "The urban ecosystem approach: Redefining management challenges for Asian cities" (organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University)

A panel discussion on "The urban ecosystem approach: Redefining management challenges for Asian cities", organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University, will take place on Tuesday, 23 November 2004, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Dag Hammarksjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the UNU New York Office (room DC2-2060; tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail jibecke@ony.unu.edu) [Registration: www.ony.unu.edu/unuseminarregistration.htm].

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